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CLOSEOUT MEMORANDUM

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We assessed an allegation that the PI¹ of a non-NSF proposal may have copied material from an NSF proposal.² The allegation states that many sentences in the two proposals are identical. However, the sentences also appear in publications of the PI,³ which appeared online at about the same time as the NSF proposal submission. There is no evidence that the PI improperly used materials from the NSF proposal to prepare his own proposal. Furthermore, direct comparison of the putative identical sentences show significant differences. Independent analysis of the PI's non-NSF proposal shows no evidence of any copied text.

This case is closed with no further action taken.

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